

This outrages many of her women friends  
and I've even seen a trace of concern  
flicker about the eyes of a couple of my own friends,

but all it comes down to  
is that she's willing to do this little thing for me  
just as I am willing to do many little things for her  
and just as, I'm pretty sure, if the chips were down  
we'd be willing to do big things for each other also.

Now if, as I have seen happening,  
her more militant friends succeed in convincing her  
that there is something demeaning in her  
running these errands for me,

will this truly be a "liberation,"  
the "raising of a consciousness"

or just another sacrifice of the amenities to orthodoxy.

#### DOUBLE TAKE

I was coming out of the English office today,  
when a student stopped me and asked,

"Are you the department chairman?"

He couldn't understand why everyone within hearing  
distance  
broke into guffaws.

#### A PERENNIAL

It was the Five-Thousandth Showing  
of the "Big Sleep,"

and Bogie was saying, "My, my, my,  
how many guns there are around town these days ...  
and so few brains."

And afterwards, on the News,  
Police Chief Davis  
was urging the citizenry to arm themselves.